

Go for... **DELL** COMPUTERS

from SYSCOM
Tel: 9124917, 812324
Fax: 96-02-8122289
E-mail: syscom@bci-online.com

Star SPORT

DHAKA THURSDAY MARCH 15, 2001 E-MAIL: dssports@gononet.com

Dell OptiPlex
MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MONEY

SYSCOM
Tel: 9124917, 812324
Fax: 96-02-8122289
E-mail: syscom@bci-online.com

Did U Know?

The Daily Mirror reported on May 25 1964 that the all-male team of Martin Water Ltd, a firm of vehicle-builders in Folkestone, Kent, had been skittled out for 0 after 23 mins, eight maidens overs and two balls in a cricket match. So, 28-year-old Mrs Jean de Vere, at various times scorer, secretary and umpire to the scoreless XI, said that she would take over as coach if her husband would babysit while she supervised net practice.

TALK TURKEY

Lance Klusener
(South Africa Test cricketer)
"Top Gun is action-packed, and had great music all the way." On that movie.

What to WATCH

BTV
Prime Minister Gold Cup
China vs Malaysia
12:00 pm
Japan vs Scotland
2:00 pm
Ireland vs Pakistan
4:00 pm

DD SPORTS
Australia vs India
Second Test, Day Five
Live at 9:30 am

ESPN
New Zealand vs Pakistan
Second Test, Day One
Live at 3:15 am
Highlights at 7:30 pm
Football Focus
1:30 pm
UEFA Champions' League
2:00 pm
Western Union World Football
7:00 pm
UEFA Champions' League
9:00 pm

STAR SPORTS
Harsha Online
Crick Talk Show
8:30 am & 1:00 pm
Australian Domestic Cricket
11:00 pm

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 145
✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
March 16, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier
2-0 3-2 3-0
- Who clinched the Paris Indoor Open title?
Huber Hingsi Mauresimo
- Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand
3-2 5-0 4-1
- How many Tests will Bangladesh play in five years?
34 35 36
- Who lifted the national under-19 cricket crown?
Chittagong Rajshahi BKSP

Name:
Class: Roll No.
School Address:
Phone: (If any)

Hosts go down fighting

Hockey
SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Bangladesh bowed out of the Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey tournament after a 1-2 defeat against favourites India in the last Group A match at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

In the other fixture of the day, China kept their semifinal hopes alive with an impressive 3-2 win over Egypt in a Group B clash.

INDIA 2 BANGLADESH 1
After two disappointing outings, Bangladesh put up a brave show against the Indians.

The Indians had to capitalise on two penalty corner finishes to end their first round campaign with an all-win record.

The Indians dominated from the very beginning and earned six penalty corners in the first session. From the last they went ahead.

Forward Arjun Halappa set the ball for his captain Baljeet Singh Dhillon who made no mistake in pushing it home in the 24th minute.

But the lead lasted for only eight minutes as Bangladesh forward Moududur Rahman Shuvo equalised with a reverse hit following a goal-mouth melee after a free hit from the right corner.

After the breather, India regained the lead but yet another penalty corner. This time it was Halappa himself who found the net after a Dhillon assist.

In the last ten minutes, Bangladesh had three good chances to level the score but poor marksmanship let them down.

Bangladesh finished at the bottom of the four-team table with only one point.

The other semifinalist from this group will be decided today after the Scotland-Japan match. Scots have three while Japan have one point having played two matches each.

CHINA 3 EGYPT 2
In an evenly contested encounter, which saw fortune fluctuating from one end to another, Egypt took the lead in the very third minute with Mohamed Kamal pushing the ball home from a Moneim pass.

However, China then scored two goals in four minutes to snatch the initiative.

Guangsen Yang leveled the margin in the 23rd minute while Yang Wang Put China ahead from a penalty corner in the 26th minute.

Egypt then equalised at the stroke of the breather with Abdala Gad blasting the ball from a Gaballa pass in the 33rd minute.

However Yang Wang ensured that China had the last laugh by scoring with an angular hit from the right corner in the 42nd minute.

With yesterday's win, China joined Pakistan atop the Group B table having raised their tally to six points from three matches. Pakistan also have the same number of points with a match in hand.



YANG WANG ... m-o-m



ARJUN HALAPPA ... m-o-m

POINTS TABLE

GROUP A	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
India	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
Scotland	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Bangladesh	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
Japan	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
GROUP B	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
China	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
Egypt	3	1	0	2	7	8	3
Ireland	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Malaysia	2	0	0	2	2	5	0



Action from Wednesday's Prime Minister Gold Cup Hockey Tournament encounter between China and Egypt at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

WI, SA settle for draw

Cricket
AFP, Georgetown

Opening batsman Herschelle Gibbs made an unbeaten 83 as South Africa held on for a comfortable draw in the first Test against the West Indies at the Bourda ground Tuesday.

South Africa were 142 for two when play was called off half an hour early.

They had been set 306 to win off 76 overs, a challenge which was unlikely to be accepted on a slow pitch.

Gibbs made an aggressive start, however, surviving a dropped catch as South Africa scored 25 off the first five overs.

Gibbs, on two, edged Mervyn Dillon at shoulder height just to the right of West Indian captain Carl Hooper at second slip. Hooper got both hands to the ball but could not hold it and the ball flew to the boundary.

Gibbs and Gary Kirsten put on 66 for the first wicket before Kirsten was caught at short leg off leg-spinner Dimanath Ramnarine for 24. Gibbs went on to reach his fifty off 106 balls with seven fours.

Jacques Kallis (30) helped Gibbs add 68 for the second wicket before being trapped lbw by a ball from Nixon McLean which kept low in the last over before the final

hour started.

Earlier, Ramnareh Sarwan fell nine runs short of a maiden Test century when he was run out shortly before the West Indian declaration.

Sarwan, 20, made the highest score by a West Indian in a Test against South Africa in reaching 91 before he was out as the batsmen sought to force the pace.

Sarwan fell victim to agile fielding by Gibbs at short fine leg. Sarwan had started for a run but was sent back by partner Ridley Jacobs.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Donald	20	8	51	1
Pollock	17	4	51	0
Kallis	15	2	36	1
Boje	37	13	93	3
Ntini	20	5	50	1
Klusener	8	1	27	0

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings
Kirsten c Hinds b Ramnarine 24
Gibbs not out 83
Kallis lbw b McLean 30
Cullinan not out 4
Extras (b1) 1
Total (2 wks, 69.3 overs) 142
Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-134

WEST INDIES: First innings
304 (C. Gayle 81, B. Lara 47, C. Hooper 69)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings
332 (G. Kirsten 150, J. Kallis 50, M. Boucher 52, M. Dillon 3-64, D. Ramnarine 3-105)

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 286-4)
Hinds c Boucher b Donald 14
Gayle c Boucher b Boje 44
Samuels b Kallis 51
Lara c Pollock b Ntini 45
Sarwan run out (Gibbs) 91
Hooper c Cullinan b Boje 35
Jacobs not out 18
McLean lbw b Boje 0
Extras: (b-10, lb-10, w-2, nb-8, penalties 5) 35
Total (7 wks dec, 117 overs) 333
Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-78, 3-147, 4-210, 5-299, 6-333, 7-333

Result: Match drawn
Man-of-the-match: Gary Kirsten
Umpires: E Nicholls (WI), J Hampshire (Eng)
TV umpire: C. Alfred (WI)
Match referee: M Denness (Eng)
Next match: March 17, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad

Premier Division Cricket League starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Abahani will take on promotees Young Cricketers in one of the three matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium when the Premier Division Cricket League begins in the capital today.

In the other two games of the 12-team elite league, runners up Kalabagan Krira Chakra meet new comers Dhanmondi Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while giants Biman face Agrani Bank at the BKSP ground.

With the emergence of the National League, a competition compulsory for local cricketers to be in reckoning for selection in the national team, the Dhaka Premier Division league has already lost much gloss.

None of the 22 cricketers called in the primary camp for next month's Zimbabwe tour have been allowed to take part in the league this season.

Quader serious about inquiry

SPORTS REPORTER

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader has promised an impartial inquiry in the allegations of unfair means in the recently concluded election of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

"There is no reason to fear that this probe is going to be an eye-wash. Everybody is perturbed at the reports that councilors have taken bribe from candidates. This matter needs thorough investigation," said Quader.

On the selection of Brigadier General Ahsan Habib as the head of the inquiry committee, Quader said that he has nominated an army officer expecting a neutral and honest probe. Brig. Gen. Habib is the Director General of Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Pratishthan (BKSP).

"I have full confidence in him", added Quader.

The State Minister also said without mentioning any name that he believed one individual was the mastermind behind all the irregularities that happened in the polls of different sports federations.

"I plan to deal with him after the next general election. If I win and return to the same post, he will not be spared," Quader said.

Ehsanul stars in practice game

SPORTS REPORTER

Ehsanul Huq hammered an unbeaten half-century to fashion a five-wicket win for the Enamul-led Greens over national captain Naimur Rahman's Reds in a limited-over practice match at the BKSP in Savar on Wednesday.

Ehsanul scored 75 not out as the Greens, chasing a modest Reds total of 152 all out in 44.1 overs, romped to 153 for five in 33.1 overs.

The young right-hander clubbed ten fours and a six in his disciplined 98-ball knock. Young opener Ashraf with 31 and Hasibul Hossain with a 15-ball 21 not out were the other notable run-getters for the winners.

Hasibul, the experienced right-arm seamer, also engineered an early Red collapse with a three-wicket burst early in the Reds innings. His scalps include national opener Mehrab Hossain, one-down Habibul Bashar and skipper Naimur Rahman.

Only a portly Akram Khan managed to stand tall in the Reds rubble with a sensible 52 not out.

The 22 national cricketers called for a conditioning camp for the Zimbabwe tour will have a day-off on Thursday before pulling up their socks for a three-day at the same venue on Friday.

DAY'S EVENT

Prime Minister Gold Cup
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
China v Malaysia (12 Noon)
Japan v Scotland (2 pm)
Ireland v Pakistan (4 pm)
Premier Division Cricket League
Abahani v Young Cricketers
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Kalabagan v Dhanmondi Club
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium
Biman v Agrani Bank
Venue: BKSP



New national cricket coach Trevor Chappell having a chat with his would-be charges during his visit to the BKSP on Wednesday.

Trevor raring to go

Cricket
AL-AMIN

Trevor Martin Chappell considers it a privilege to be a part of a nation that has just started its journey to Test cricket.

The former Australian Test captain, who arrived in Dhaka on Tuesday to take over the national cricket team, also termed his first assignment as a full-fledged coach of a Test nation as a very exciting one.

"It's exciting as well as challenging. I'm looking forward to it very much. There are not many opportunities to be involved with an international team. This is also a unique opportunity to be a part of a team at the start of its international cricket history," said the 49-year-old to a small group of reporters at the BKSP in Savar on Wednesday.

"I have full confidence in him", added Quader.

The State Minister also said without mentioning any name that he believed one individual was the mastermind behind all the irregularities that happened in the polls of different sports federations.

"I plan to deal with him after the next general election. If I win and return to the same post, he will not be spared," Quader said.

Trevor, who is scheduled to sign a one-year contract with the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Thursday, however thoroughly enjoyed his first unofficial working day with national cricketers, who are preparing for the Zimbabwe tour.

The youngest of three Chappell brothers, Trevor said that he was looking forward to coaching the team up to the 2003 World Cup in South Africa. He however expressed his ignorance about the board president's recent remark on his contract, which, he said, would be started with one year.

"As far as I'm concerned the length of the contract would be three years," said a taciturn Trevor.

Trevor was sitting behind the wicket at the cricket ground of country's lone sports institute to have a close look at the practice match of the national team when he said that this place was not unfamiliar to him.

"I was at the BKSP previously with the Sri Lankan team and practised at the indoor centre, which was quite good. The grounds were wet then. At the moment, it is quite hard because things have dried up," he commented.

The bespectacled Australian was the fielding coach of Sri Lanka when the islanders came here to play the Asia Cup last year.

Trevor was jotting down some points about the proceedings and said that he was really enjoying the game. "It's been quite good. I'm learning a bit more about the Bangladesh players, getting acquainted about who is who and what they do," said the Australian.

He admitted that he has only seen a bit of Bangladesh playing in the Asia Cup.

Records tumble at Eden

Cricket
AFP, Calcutta

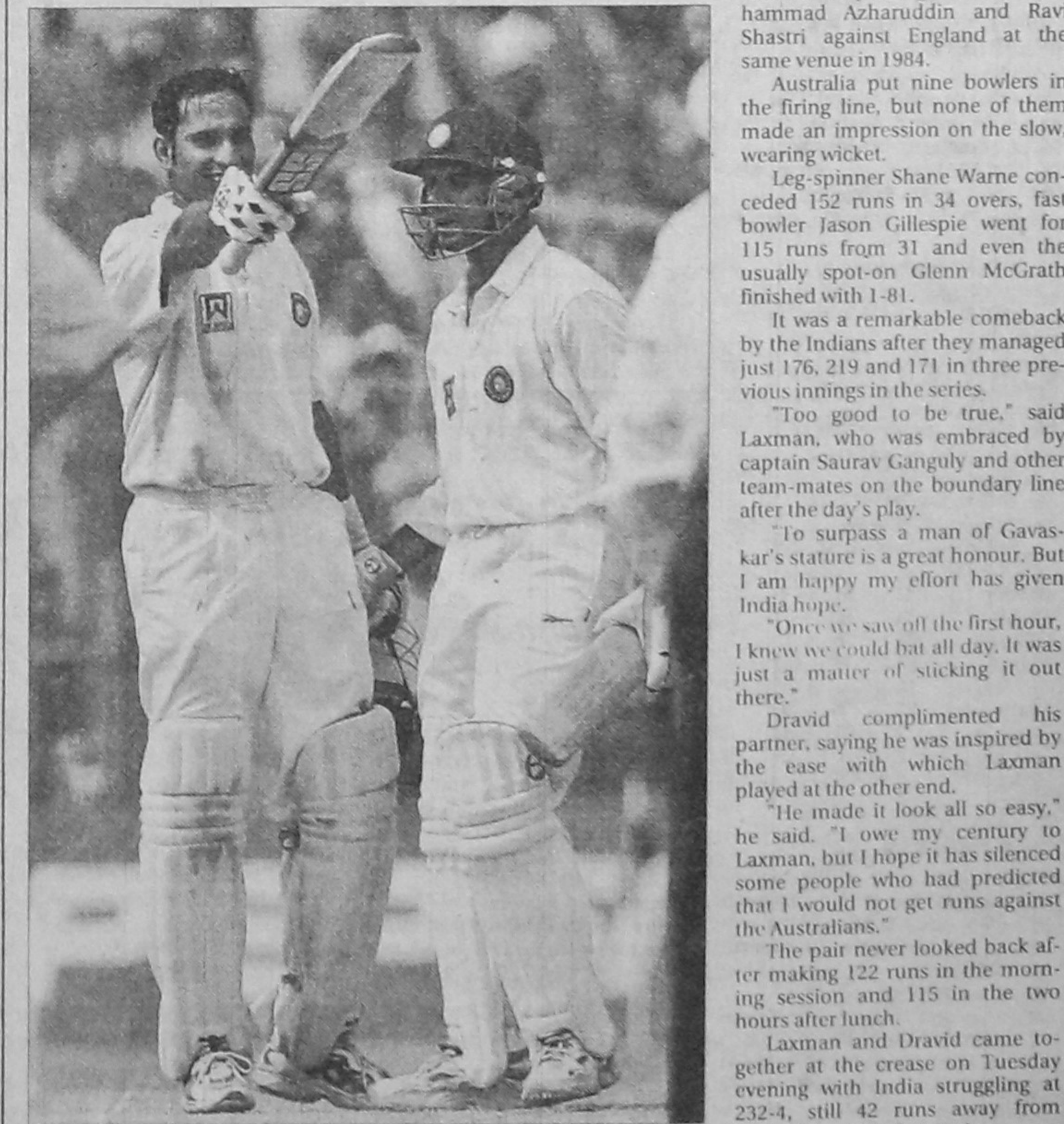
Venkatsai Laxman smashed India's highest individual score of 275 not out and Rahul Dravid made an unbeaten 155 to turn the tables on Australia in the second Test here on Wednesday.

The fifth-wicket pair batted all day to put on a record unbroken partnership of 357 as India, following on 274 runs behind, rattled up 589-4 by stumps on the fourth day.

With the Indians 315 runs ahead and six wickets still in hand, Australia's record streak of 16 consecutive Test wins appears in danger of ending on Thursday.

Rarely had Steve Waugh's world-beating side suffered such punishment on the field as Laxman and Dravid flayed the bowlers to all parts of the vast Eden Gardens after starting the day at 254-4.

Laxman, the wisty 26-year-old from Hyderabad, compiled the highest score on Indian soil, surpassing West Indian Rohan Kanhai's 256 against India in the



KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOUR: India's VVS Laxman responds to the cheering thousands at the Eden Gardens after reaching his double century against Australia on Wednesday. On the right is Rahul Dravid who also scored a hundred on the day.